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## THE COLEMAN LIFE!

The self-admitted killer of eight persons, the man convicted of the murder of two children — and the man who a Vancouver psychiatrist says would do it again — was sentenced to life imprisonment April 2 by a B.C. Supreme Court jury sitting at Cranbrook.

Dale Merle Nelson, 32, West Creston, was charged with non-capital murder of seven-year-old Tracey Jean Wasyk and eight-year-old Catherine Rose St. Amand both of West Creston.

The deaths were reported Sept. 5, 1970.

Details of the trial's first week were published by The Coleman Journal in its April 1 edition. Here, in summary, is testimony from the second and last week of the trial, March 29 to April 2.

Nelson was originally charged with the non-capital murder of eight West Creston residents — three adults and five children — but the Crown indicted Nelson on only two of the deaths.

The accused was represented by M. E. Moran, QC, of Castlegar. Crown prosecutor was T. G. Bowen-Colthurst, of Victoria.

### DAY SIX — Monday, March 29/71

Dale Merle Nelson says the public should "take off their hats" to the RCMP, for they are an "honour to their forefathers."

Nelson made the remarks in a handwritten statement given to police Sept. 16 while he was in the Lower Mainland Correctional Institute at Burnaby.

The Crown rested its case against Nelson during this, the sixth day of trial.

Events leading up to Nelson's capture at West Creston were outlined in testimony from Corporal Allan Marcotte. Cpl. Marcotte said he was unarmed when he first saw Nelson living in bush area about 75 yards behind Nelson's cabin about 2:30 p.m. Sept. 6.

He said he had gone to the Nelson cabin to investigate a polyethylene window which appeared to have been cut open.

Before he returned to the house, the corporal said, he saw the mid-section and shoe tips of a man lying on his back about 30 or 40 feet away. He said the man's hands were folded on his chest and the chest was rising and falling.

Constable Glen Madsen said he and his German shepherd dog, Count, were the first to rush at Nelson.

"I located Dale Nelson lying on his back on the ground beside a tree," the constable said.

Const. Madsen said he took possession of a rifle leaning against a tree within reach of Nelson.

Under cross-examination by defence lawyer M. E. Moran, QC, Cpl. Marcotte said the features on Nelson's face at the time of his arrest "depicted, at least to me, that he was very frightened."

"I felt he may be in shock," the corporal agreed with Mr. Moran that Nelson appeared "dumb-founded" about his arrest.

He said there was a six- or eight-inch stab wound in the girl's left back, which penetrated into the left lung half-way into the girl's chest cavity.

He said both lungs had collapsed and about 11 ounces of free blood were found in the girl's chest cavity.

He said he found a nine-inch long cut on the girl's stomach from below the rib cage, almost to the pubic arch. He said the cut went through the abdominal wall "because the bowels were protruding," but no internal organ had been damaged.

Testimony indicated the distance from the car to the parts of the body, scattered in a semi-circle varying from 30 to 75 feet.

Const. Laurier LeCote testified he found an arm belonging to a dismembered body near Nelson's car Sept. 5.

He said he also saw a leg, a head and a torso in the same vicinity — and assumed they had been thrown to the various locations. He said he assumed the parts were not lying where they had been cut off.

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He said there is no formal name for Nelson's "relatively uncommon disease of the mind" but the nearest and clearest category in which it could be placed is "schizoaffective psychosis."

Dr. Halliday said Nelson also indicated "one factor that may have led to this deterioration was that he had been sexually sterilized a month or two earlier."

The doctor said his opinion of Nelson's mental state on the day of the murders was based on the assumption that Nelson had not taken LSD — but would not be altered had Nelson consumed LSD.

Dr. Halliday said Nelson's return to the Wasyk house for the body of Tracey tended to "substantiate the bizarre nature of the person's thinking and feeling" and showed his "psychotic nature."

The doctor said dismemberment of Tracey's body, and the throwing around of the girl's body, was an example of "such a bizarre and unacceptable in any sense — behavior."

Dr. Halliday said sexual perversion was the motivation behind the dismemberment of Tracey and showed "strong, uncontrollable, aggressive, hostile feelings toward women."

He said he assumed Nelson "already had some kind of plan" at the time he drove to the Wasyk house, although Dr. Halliday said he couldn't say this with certainty.

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### DAY NINE — Thursday, April 1/71

The non-capital murder trial of Dale Merle Nelson, 32, ended today with the defence asking for a not guilty verdict — by reason of insanity.

The final Crown witness said the violent behavior which caused Nelson to kill eight persons at West Creston during the 1970 Labor Day week-end — could recur.

Dr. Joseph Thomas, of Vancouver, testified for the Crown that Nelson is legally sane, but suffers a mental disorder, one part of which is violent behavior.

Asked by defence lawyer, M. E. Moran, QC, if Nelson's mental disorder is prone to recur, Dr. Thomas replied:

"Yes, in his personality make-up, yes."

Dr. Thomas said he has examined about 350 accused murderers while acting as a consultant psychiatrist for the B.C. attorney-general's department.

The Criminal Code of Canada says a person is insane only if he is suffering a disease of the mind which renders him incapable of appreciating the nature and quality of the act — and knowing the act is wrong.

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### DAY TEN — Friday, April 2/71

In an almost deserted courtroom, Dale Merle Nelson nodded his head in apparent silent agreement as he was sentenced to life imprisonment on two counts of non-capital murder.

Nelson was charged with the brutal slayings of seven-year-old Tracey Wasyk and eight-year-old Cathy St. Amand. The older girl had also been sexually assaulted.

The B.C. Supreme Court jury of eight men and four women heard a five-and-a-half-hour charge by Mr. Justice J. Aikins.

The jury deliberated for an hour and 20 minutes before returning the verdict — and disregarding an opinion of Mr. Justice Aikins that the main problem would be to decide between a verdict of guilty (on a charge of manslaughter) or not guilty (by reason of insanity).

The judge said the jury must "wholly reject" the opinion if it did not agree.

When Mr. Justice Aikins asked Nelson if he had anything to say before sentence was passed, Nelson replied, "No, sir."

The jury listened to more than 30 hours of testimony from 21 witnesses during the 10-day trial. The Crown entered 42 exhibits.

Nelson's wife, Annette, who attended only the last two days of the trial, and Nelson's mother-in-law, Mrs. Iris Herrick, both showed no emotion when the verdict and sentence were given to an almost empty courtroom.

He said "drink and drugs" may explain why Nelson committed the bizarre acts of violence, "but if he had the intent necessary, it is 'not a defence for murder.'"

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M. E. MORAN  
... for defence



DALE NELSON  
... admits eight



T. G. BOWEN-COLTHURST  
... prosecutor



NELSON LED FROM CRANBROOK COURTHOUSE

# Women's Page

## BIRTHS

**VANDERLINDEN** — Born to Mr. and Mrs. Arie Vanderlinden, of Bellevue, Alta., March 20, twins.

**PARKER** — Born to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Parker, of Coleman, March 29, a boy.

**BAKER** — Born to Mr. and Mrs. William Baker, of Coleman, March 31, a girl.

**WINSTONE** — Born to Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Winstone, of Hillcrest, April 5, a girl.

**MARRA** — Born to Mr. and Mrs. Sarafino Marra, of Blairmore, April 7, a girl.

**PIZZEY** — Born to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Pizze, of Blairmore, April 8, a girl.

## Blairmore Youth Earns Honors In Crowsnest Music Festival

Kirk Muspratt, of Blairmore, took top honors in the Crowsnest Pass music festival.

Presentation of awards and trophies followed a grand concert of award winners that included 18 numbers on the program.

Adjudicator Dr. Manus Sasonkin named Mr. Muspratt the musical promise.

Making the Lions Club scholarship presentation for this achievement, Dr. Sasonkin said it had been a hard task to choose a winner from the excellent talent taking part in the event.

Besides the Lions Award, Mr. Muspratt also received the Walter Moser memorial trophy for high marks in the festival; the Blairmore Board of Trade trophy, high marks in junior classes; the Moser piano challenge trophy; the Madeleine Pinkney sonata award;

the Blairmore Lions piano solo award.

Other award and trophy winners included: Blairmore Lions Club challenge trophy for high marks in senior classes, Louise Codd; the Harold Mark memorial trophy, Blairmore United Church junior choir; the Crowsnest Consolidated School District challenge trophy for school choruses, Pincher Creek Canyon school; the John Perstay challenge trophy for violin solo, Laurie Pungalli; the L. L. Morgan challenge trophy for vocal solo, Sheila Rucka; the J. E. Upton memorial trophy for reed solo, Elaine Dobek; the Frank Edl trophy for brass solo, split by Carmen Traversano and Tim Chabillon.

The Pincher Creek shield, the Crowsnest Pass Symphony Orchestra; the Dr. L. R. Amundsen challenge trophy for band competition.

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## Chamber Hears Industries Interested In Pass Area

Bill White of the Chamber of Commerce Public Affairs Committee reported that his committee has been looking into the possibility of the Senior Citizens Home and a Nursing Home.

Clint Rasmussen and Bob Elliott attended a seminar in Lethbridge on methods of obtaining new industry in the Pass. They have two industries interested in developing in the Pass.

John Kerr presented samples of hand-out maps of areas to see and do in the C.N.P. Maps are to be handed out in fold-out forms by independent stores and service stations and are used as place mats in restaurants. It was also reported that a Mobile Tourist hut was to be operating 90 days this year.

Charge cards are to be introduced some in June.

The chamber has applied to the Federal Government for the opening of youth program for grants to employ student in high school or university. These jobs are mainly the Tourist Hut, making signs to point out lakes or mountains and a general clean-up of the Pass — demolishing old, unused buildings.

Les Owen indicated on a progress report that the confusion of signs between Coleman and Blairmore have been rectified.

Chamber of Commerce has undertaken the project of a pancake breakfast for July 1 for the Blairmore school reunion.

Regular meeting on the first Wednesday of each month.

## Highways Branch Information Asked

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Coleman, Alberta

Messrs. McCune, Howery and Dolinsky  
Department of Highways and Transport  
Government of the Province of Alberta  
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97 Avenue and 106 Street,  
EDMONTON 6, Alberta.

Gentlemen:

I am the Director of the Transportation and Highways Committee for the Crowsnest Pass Chamber of Commerce.

I must at this time commend you and your Department for a wonderful system of highways in the Province of Alberta. However, there is a growing concern here with the number of dangerous exits and entries to the number three (3) highway between East of Bellevue, Alberta to West of Coleman, Alberta. We would list all the problem areas (of which you are probably already aware) but we feel a single question, if answered, could probably save a lot of lives and property damage.

The question is, "where is the intended route of number three (3) highway from Bellevue to Coleman going to be?" If we, as a Chamber of Commerce, were aware of this route we could better

promote your plans.

Trusting to hear an early reply, I remain,

Yours very truly,  
Crowsnest Pass Chamber of Commerce  
E. Leslie Owen,

Director, Transportation and Highways Committee.

## Ski Trials Underway At Fernie Hill

FERNIE — Nancy Greene, internationally known ski queen, will visit Fernie today to Friday when the Canadian Junior Ski Championships are run off on the Snow Valley Ski Hill.

The event, sponsored by the National Ski Club, is hosted by the Snow Valley Ski Club.

## MEMORY LANE PACKS CENTRE

More than 1,200 persons packed the Blairmore Ice Centre March 19 to attend the Crowsnest Pass Figure Skating Club's ice revue "Down Memory Lane".

Groups from Coleman, Blairmore and Bellevue sections of the skating club presented group numbers, solos and many combination numbers that thrilled the large audience.

Specialty numbers were done by club professional Peggy Brown; Susie Zonda and Frank Nowosad, of Calgary; and Bonnie Hammond, of Pincher Creek.

The colorful costumes, prepared by the skaters and their mothers, were exceptional. The show was termed one of the best yet held in the arena. Close to 129 members of the Crowsnest Pass Figure Skating Club took part in the events.

## Lions Bingo

Winners of the April 7 Coleman Lions bingo are:  
\$50, Eleanor Clabhorn.  
\$25, Rose Saad.  
\$15, Marg Gallimore, Marilyn Willets, Mrs. Badzloch, Mr. Jensen.  
\$13, Valerie Podrasky, Harold Veyto.  
\$10, Mike Amatto Sr., Donna Atkinson, Mrs. Plessi, Mr. Ferro, Mrs. Bezeg, Josie Graf, Jean Hansen.  
Iron, Mary Ruzek.

## DONATION

Norman Jansen, superintendent for Alberta Natural Gas at Cranbrook, B.C., recently presented a \$1,000 cheque to Henry Rowbotham, chairman of the Crowsnest Pass pool project committee.

More than \$133,000 has been donated so far to the pool project.

## BETTER DEAL FOR PRAIRIE TOURISTS URGED BY CRESTON FRUIT GROWERS

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

CRESTON — A better deal for Prairie fruit buyers is being asked from the B.C. Fruit Board by members of the Creston Valley Fruit Growers' Association.

A resolution seeking removal of the existing 20 box limit per vehicle (for tourist buying tree fruit) was unanimously endorsed at the third annual meeting of the CVFGA.

Creston growers have asked, instead, that Prairie tourists be allowed to "legally transport, from the Creston Valley, 20 standard packages of tree fruit per family ... with a maximum of 40 standard packages per vehicle."

The resolution was presented by newly-elected CVFGA director John Shukin. If approved by Fruit Board chairman Nigel Taylor, the increased tourist limit will be for a year's trial basis.

CVFGA members claim the motion supports a recent statement by Agriculture Minister Cyril Shefford, who has said the limit should be 140 boxes.

"If people can't come in and buy 140 boxes, we haven't got a free market," Mr. Shefford has been quoted as telling the annual B.C. Fruit Growers' Association convention.

Creston growers say they are "disappointed" and "disgusted" with the actions of local Fruit Board member Dick Penson, of Canyon.

President of the CVFGA, for the third consecutive year, is Ed Gatzke.

CVFGA secretary Elvin Masuch said Mr. Penson presented a report to BCFGA president Allan Claridge March 16 — claiming 80 per cent of Creston growers are opposed to any increase in the tourist tree fruit box limit.

"Penson said valley growers were opposed to a 40 box limit. He never asked me. He never spoke to me.



ED GATZKE  
... heads group

"As far as I'm concerned, we're being very let down by Mr. Penson. I'm thoroughly disgusted," Mr. Masuch said.

He said Mr. Penson may have contacted "two or three" growers "but he didn't speak to the majority."

Former CVFGA director Mrs. Edna Michniewicz, who attempted to present a resolution calling for increased tourist limits for the



Mr. and Mrs. Tom Clubb and Robyn and Mr. and Mrs. Hal Hawkins, all of Vancouver were Easter weekend visitors with Mr. and Mrs. John Russell of Coleman.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Campbell and Bonnie are visiting with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. Rick Matthews, Cold Lake, and Mrs. Sharon Patterson and children of Nanaimo, and Leslie MacDonald, Calgary, are visiting with their parents Mr. and Mrs. Jim MacDonald, Coleman.

## Council Briefs

Coleman council at its meeting March 22 approved the Foothills Association for Retarded Children holding the annual "flowers of hope campaign" in Coleman from May 9 - 15.

Council purchased a new truck from Crowsnest Pass Motors at Blairmore. The unit is to be used for hauling gravel and other heavier town duties.

A general assessment of the town is to be done by assessor Harry Randma this season. The last assessment was done in 1963.

A new net for the tennis court in the town park is to be ordered. Two new nets were purchased for the other two courts last year.

## Legion Bingo

Winners of the Coleman Legion bingo are:  
\$25, Mrs. Richards; Mrs. Gerald Gettman.  
\$10, Ellen MacDonald, Marge Perry, Irene Letcher, Cliff Letcher, Marion Grant, Polly Snowden, Mr. McCulloch, Clara Tarabola, Miss Parmucco, Margaret Elwyn.  
\$5, Francis Cote, Martha Gallimore, Margaret Gates, Simon Sinyer.

## POISONING

Blairmore R.C.M.P. are investigating a large amount of dog poison in the Hillcrest area.

Police spokesman says it will probably take a month or more for this problem to clear up.

## APPOINTMENT

EDMONTON — The Alberta department of agriculture announces the appointment of K. K. Pfannmuller as livestock supervisor for the Red Deer region.

He will provide specialized livestock information for livestock extension programs and will supervise livestock record of performance programs in the Red Deer region.



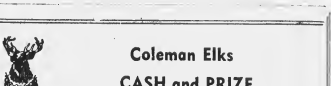
TOP AWARD PRESENTED. Dr. Manus Sasonkin, right, adjudicator of the Crowsnest Pass music festival, congratulates and presents Kirk Muspratt, Blairmore pianist, with the Blairmore Lions Club scholarship award for the competitor showing the greatest musical promise. Mr. Muspratt received a high mark of 92 for his excellent and superb presentation of Shostakov "Preludes 19 and 24" in the piano solo 20th century music, 17 years and under class.

VERN DECOUX PHOTO



**St. Paul's United Church**  
Rev. Bob Smith.  
9:30 a.m.  
Sunday school for Grade 3 and up is being held in the Horace Allen school Mondays at 3:30 p.m.  
Grades 1 and 2 will hold their classes at the Coleman United Church club room.

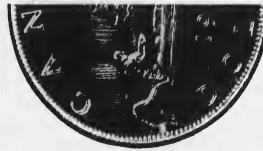
**Coleman Christian Assembly**  
Family Bible Hour—11 a.m.  
Lord's Supper—12:30 p.m.  
Evening service—7 p.m.  
Holding Fast the Faithful Word—Titus 1:9.  
Holding forth the Word of Life—Philippians 2:16.



**BINGO**  
in the  
**Elks' Hall, Coleman**  
on  
**FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 1971**  
ADMISSION: \$1.00  
12 Games - Bonus Cards 25c  
\$140 IN 56 NUMBERS  
Two \$25 Jackpots To Go  
\$10 Extra Bingo Card  
Winner to receive \$2 extra for each extra card he holds.  
9 OTHER CASH GAMES

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★ BINGO ★  
**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 1971**  
ELKS' HALL - 8:00 P.M.  
— 14 GAMES OR MORE —  
6-\$10 - 4-\$15 - 2-\$25 - 1-\$50  
♦ BACKOUT - \$45 in 7 Numbers ♦  
1 - Extra Prize Game  
If attendance is 140 or more we will play for an extra \$25 cash game.

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## Master of Hypocrisy

It is ironic to note the government of Premier W. A. C. Bennett — which was returned to office in the last provincial election as a champion of Free Enterprise — has changed its tune to the extent of prohibiting liquor and tobacco advertising in British Columbia.

The announcement of Mr. Bennett's legislation — affecting not only the liquor and tobacco industries, but countless thousands employed in the newspaper, magazine, radio, television, advertising and communication professions — reeks of hypocrisy.

Mr. Bennett's legislation makes one wonder just where his government will next trample the principles of Free Enterprise — and invade the private rights of citizens.

Mr. Bennett is well aware of the millions of dollars paid annually to his government — in taxes — from the liquor and tobacco industries... as well as from those industries aligned with communication-advertising, and their employees.

Now, it would appear, Mr. Bennett wants only to squeeze his taxes from these companies without providing these industries an opportunity to promote and sell their products.

Now that Mr. Bennett's legislation is approved — and we seriously hope proven unconstitutional — perhaps the premier could announce how many more persons have been added to British Columbia's staggering unemployment lines.

Unfortunately, from the remarks of British Columbia's so-called Opposition leader, Dave Barrett (NDP), Mr. Barrett has received complete support from the Socialist side of the Legislature.

Mr. Barrett has gone so far as to "challenge" the liquor and tobacco industries to set up a fund for education and rehabilitation of drinkers in B.C.

We would suggest the liquor and tobacco industries establish, instead, a fund for education and rehabilitation of Social Credit-New Democratic Party supporters and MLAs!

We would also point out to Mr. Bennett (who may have forgotten since his Okanagan hardware days) that one of the life-lines of Free Enterprise is to advertise and sell products... which results in the creation of jobs, taxes and a higher standard of living.

It will be interesting to note — due to Mr. Bennett's legislation — the number of layoffs in both industries of salesmen, administration personnel, warehouse workers, plant employees, advertising personnel and communication workers.

All because Mr. Bennett wishes to keep his people "healthy".

Mr. Bennett's legislation could be the most insulting ever introduced by his government — belittling the intelligence of British Columbia's population.

Obviously, Mr. Bennett does not give credit to people who are quite able to make up their own minds about smoking and drinking.

Just who is W. A. C. Bennett to legislate against the private likes and dislikes of free citizens — even to reading about new tobacco or liquor brands?

If Mr. Bennett is sincere about his latest health kick, he should suggest the following Satutes:

\* The atmosphere of the Legislature be cleaned to protect MLAs from the polluted air abounding such two-bit excuses as used by the premier to defend his legislation.

\* The aid of the Women's Christian Temperance Union be enlisted, in full civil service capacity, to patrol every highway entry into B.C. — and airports — to confiscate all foreign reading material from other provinces containing liquor and tobacco ads. This will increase employment.

\* All unemployed persons from the liquor, tobacco and communication industries be employed to monitor all B.C. cable television systems carrying tobacco or liquor advertising from outside this province.

Finally, the "champion of British Columbia Free Enterprise" should ask Rehabilitation Minister Phil Gaglardi to find jobs for ex-news and magazine advertising men, agency salesmen, brokers and commercial artists — affected by the premier's legislation.

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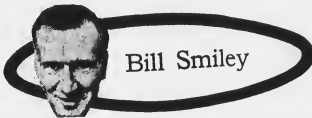
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Bill Smiley

### Trudeau's Wedding The Wisdom Of Age

Related congratulations to our Prime Minister and his bride. It was one of the big upsets in March. The others were Mohammed Ali taking the clobbering of his lifetime, and me winning an argument with my wife.

Not from the first have I been swept away by Mr. Trudeau's charisma, though the women in my family were. At times I have had serious doubts about his attitude and decisions.

But when a man has enough sense to wait until he is 51 to get married, I feel our country is in safe hands.

Good gravy, if I had waited until 51, and I'm not there yet, I'd probably be able to ski and scuba-dive. And I might even be prime minister. And a millionaire.

But when a man marries at 25, he's had it. He has just thrown away the best twenty-five years of his life; the second twenty-five, that is.

For the first ten or twelve years, he's swimming against the tide. In more prosaic terms, he is spending about 140 out of the 168 hours in every week sorting out his kids, his finances and his woman. That leaves him 28 hours to float, and he had a lot of brains and a lot of money. And I chose to swim up stream, while he chose to swim down.

That's why so many married men of 50 are washed-up. On shore, or otherwise.

If he can keep his head above water during that first period, he's a mighty strong swimmer. But in the process, he has developed hardening of his physical, emotional and mental arteries.

And just about then, he is pulled out of the water, purple and gasping, and told that he is entered in another marathon. In short, his kids are in their teens. Swim baby, swim.

It really racks me to think of the gifts I have squandered in nearly twenty-five years of marriage. Especially when I think of Mr. Trudeau.

We're very much alike. He's a little older and has a little less hair. Probably more teeth, unless they're false.

About twenty-five years ago, we were on equal terms. Both in excellent physical condition. The only real differences I can see are that he had a lot of brains and a lot of money. And I chose to swim up stream, while he chose to swim down.

Perhaps there's one other minor well, and I do everything poorly. But don't forget he's had two and a half decades to practise — every difference. He does everything thing from skiing to chess — while I've had to catch them on the run. I'd like to see what a great scuba-diver he was if he'd had to raise two rotten kids and pay off about four mortgages. Not to mention dealing with a strong-minded woman who has a direct line to divine inspiration in every discussion.

No wonder he was able to snatch up a beautiful, intelligent 22-year-old at his age. He's practically up-scarred, while I'm like an old alley cat. About all I could snatch up, aside from the fact that my wife would kill me, is a 40-year-old, with three divorces and three chins.

Don't for one moment think I'm jealous. Let him have his big royal mansion in Ottawa while I labour over my heavily-taxed, heavily-mortgaged hovel.

Let him have his fifty or sixty thousand a year in salary. We have enough to put bread on the table after paying income tax and putting two kids through university. I'm not envious. He earned it, by being smart enough to stay single until he was 51.

At least I don't have to bother with platoons of photographers and numerous newsmen whom I take out Barbara Streisand. No, I wouldn't trade him even, my old lady for his, my kids for his charisma. (They think I have for me.)

The only thing I get a little wistful about is not being asked to be Prime Minister.

And I still think I could beat him in a game of Russian ballroom.

## EDMONTON REPORTS - WITH CHARLES DRAIN



Nor can a case be made for horse use to the exclusion of other methods of transportation.

I see certain areas of a limited size as very advantageous in the maintenance of the natural species.

The amount that fishing will be curtailed will be insignificant because of the small size of a wilderness area.

Many people have never had the opportunity of viewing a stream with fish as they once were.

Exploiting of fish will upset the natural food chain to the detriment of some natural species.

Less than 5 per cent of Crown land is suitable for exploitation by industry. Most development would be in non-renewable resources which have a short life cycle.

With proper conservation measures, most damage can be limited. To me, the battle of the future will be to maintain the ownership of Crown lands for the people of Alberta. Thus far, the present government of Alberta cannot be faulted in this regard.

It is my intention to have your proposed amendments to the Wilderness Act brought before the Legislature on second reading of Bill 67.

The powers of the advisory committee, as set out in the act, permits the addition of areas to those

already established on a provincial basis.

We can expect to see many more areas designated as wilderness, hopefully including the Willow Park area.

J. D. Henderson was sworn in as Alberta's first environment minister as Premier Harry Strom announced two minor changes in his 17-member cabinet line-up April 1.

The realignment of duties sent Provincial Secretary Ambrose Holowach to the post of culture, youth and recreation minister.

A third government announcement named Dr. J. E. Bradley, architect of the government's new hospital services commission, as chairman of that board at a salary of \$30,000 per year.

Mr. Henderson, 44, will retain duties associated with the health portfolio he took over on May 20, 1969 at least until the cabinet proclaims legislation merging the health and social development departments.

## CHUCKLE OF THE WEEK



## LEGISLATURE REPORT

By KEVIN PETERSON & DON SELLAR  
— of The Calgary Herald —

The Social Credit government's reorganization plans reached the implementation stage April 1, when Premier Harry Strom filed cabinet and senior administrative positions.

The premier named 44-year-old J. D. Henderson to the new environment department portfolio which will have an administrative staff of 300 to conduct the government's anti-pollution campaigns and implement its multiple-use doctrine in resource areas.

At the same time, Ambrose Holowach, 56, was sworn in as culture, youth and recreation minister. He had held the post of provincial secretary until it disappeared with the reorganization plans.

Mr. Henderson, a petroleum engineer, has earned a reputation for tough talk and action since he took over the health department on May 20, 1969. He will likely continue as health minister until the cabinet proclaims legislation merging the health and social development departments, likely in a month to six weeks.

Mr. Holowach, who has held the provincial secretary's post since 1966, joined the Legislature in 1966 after serving two terms in the House of Commons.

The new Hospital Services Commission got its first chairman the day the cabinet changes were announced. Dr. J. E. Bradley, 55, is chairman of the University of Alberta board of governors and executive director of Edmonton's Glenrose Hospital and will earn \$30,000 a year on the new post.

Environment Minister Henderson moved quickly to fill the deputy minister's slot in his new portfolio, naming current deputy agriculture minister Dr. E. E. Ballantyne to the position. Dr. Ballantyne, however, will not be able to fill the position for three or four months because he is in an Edmonton hospital recovering from a heart attack.

A new deputy agriculture minister is expected to be named shortly to the meantime, Don Potter, executive assistant to Agriculture Minister Henry Rustie, is serving as acting deputy minister.

And during the week, 15-40-21-year-olds in the province gained new rights and responsibilities when 12-Gov. J. W. Grant MacEwan signed into law the government's age of majority act.

Some 80,000 youngsters were added to the voters and potential drivers lists by the new law. The 18-year-olds will now be allowed to vote, run in school board, municipal and provincial elections, and get married without parental consent.

The house also spent a full day in emergency debate concerning the possibility of a national rail strike, finally voting unanimously to demand the federal government do all it can to prevent a walkout and get trains moving again.

Members of both the government and the opposition stressed a work stoppage will harm all Albertans, particularly grain producers, at a time when grain marketing is just beginning to make progress.

The Legislature also enacted the Industrial Development Incentives Act, the \$10 million fund to encourage manufacturing industries in small communities.

## OTTAWA REPORTS

By ALLEN SULATYCKY  
MP, Rocky Mountain

Canadians generally believe they live in a land of great geographic variety and splendour. Federal government, by creating national parks, have been attempting to insure outstanding examples of this natural environment are preserved forever.

Until recently, the vast majority of citizens paid little heed to the matter of preservation of natural areas, whether as national parks or otherwise. With growing concern over the various threats to the environment this has changed.

Many people are now voicing their interest in a clean environment and in the preservation of parkland. The government has recognized this concern and is providing an opportunity for individuals to take part in the orientation of national parks for the future. This is being done through public hearings on the master plan for each park.

Hearings on the plans for Jasper, Banff, Yoho and Kootenay Parks will be held in Calgary and Edmonton during the week of April 19. Anyone interested in presenting written or oral presentations at these hearings may do so.

The hearings will not deal with the townships of Banff or Jasper. This is a significant fact because it may indicate a willingness on the part of national park planners to distinguish between parks and townships. There has been a reluctance to do this in the past, resulting in consequences detrimental to those people who live in the townships and to the parks themselves.

Park planners in Canada's parks have confined parks and townships in the past. When public concern about parks began to increase, numerous steps were taken to restrict the development of existing townships which are established to serve the needs of visitors. These steps were held up by the responsible officials as evidence of sound administration and proper preservation of wilderness.

Frank Edl, conductor, Crownstest Pass Band; the Chappell memorial trophy for piano open classes, Louise Costigan; the Roy Upson challenge trophy, Bach piano classes, Lori Kolberg; the Harvey Wheatcroft trophy piano sonatina class, Brenda Paria.

The T. J. Costigan challenge trophy, speech art classes, Debbie Duncan; the Audrey Bonne challenge trophies for vocal solos Grades 1 to 8, Michele Dobek and Rodney Kettles; the Gus Erikson challenge trophies for vocal solos Grades Rucka, 4, 5 and 6, Karen Dobek and Grant Dyck; the Blairmore Elks Lodge award, band competition, Crownstest Pass Band.

The Madeleine Pinkney piano duet award, Laurie Fumagalli and Wayman Mah; the Dobek Brothers reel solo award, Elaine Dobek; the Blairmore Lions string solo award, Laurie Fumagalli; the Blairmore Lions brass solo award, split by Carmen Traversano and Tim Chabillon; the Blairmore Lions Club junior vocal award, Sheila Rucka.



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## COLEMAN COUNCIL 'DELAYS POOL'

Editor  
The Coleman Journal  
Coleman, Alberta

Dear Sir:

The most recent delay in the endless saga of the proposed Crownstest Pass swimming pool can be attributed to the attitude of the mayor of Coleman and his councillors.

Because of the mayor's support of a pool at the Crownstest Pass high school, he has appeared an unwilling partner in the proposed joint Pass pool at Blairmore and has not at all carried out the wishes of the people of Coleman who voted him into office and also twice by ballot indicated their willingness to cooperate in the joint pool as proposed.

The bylaw authorizing the borrowing of the money required for Coleman's share of the pool has had first reading by the council and has been authorized by the Local Authorities Board. It has been back in the council's hands since March 25. It is only a routine procedure now to post this bylaw in the newspaper and allow any persons opposed to this bylaw to draw up a petition calling for another vote. This posting has not been done because the mayor has stated that the council wishes to discuss this bylaw further. As I see it, any further discussion at this stage would be pointless. All of the councillors are familiar with this bylaw and the delay is only prolonging the inevitable vote. Two council meetings have been held since March 25 and the discussion has not taken place at either of these meetings.

Please, let's get it over with. All of the money required for the pool has been pledged or collected except the \$14,000 required as Coleman's share.

There is no reason for any further delay. The people of Coleman and the rest of the Pass have indicated their wishes and the Coleman council should act on this as quickly as possible. If a petition is drawn up, the citizens of Coleman will have to vote again. If they approve the bylaw, construction can start this year. If the bylaw is turned down, at least the rest of the Pass will know where they stand and can make plans from there.

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